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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF AIR STRIKES ON ENEMY

FORCES PREPARING TO ATTACK PHOU PHA THI, SITE 89,  
AND TRYING CONTACT IN THE AREA

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (10 MARCH 1968) FIELD NO. [REDACTED]

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1. ON 29 FEBRUARY AN AUTO-DEFENSE DE CHOC (ADC) COMPANY  
AT HONG PATOR (UN 6974) REPORTED ABOUT 30 PATHET LAO TROOPS  
IN THE VICINITY OF UN 69755. SHORTLY AFTER, GROUND FORCES  
MARKED THE POSITION FOR ATTACKING AIRCRAFT. AN ADC PATROL  
MOVED INTO THE AREA AFTER THE AIRSTRIKE AND COUNTED FOUR DEAD AND  
PROBABLY FIFTEEN ENEMY SOLDIERS WOUNDED. ADC TROOPS RECOVERED TWO  
RIFLES, ONE LIGHT MACHINE GUN, ONE NOTE BOOK AND OTHER FIELD GEAR.

2. ON 29 FEBRUARY AIR STRIKES IN THE PHOU DEN DIN (UN 7561)

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AREA DAMAGED OR DESTROYED TWO BULLDOZERS AND KILLED FOUR NORTH VIETNAMESE AND FOUR NHO PATHET LAO. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE BULLDOZER OPERATORS; THE PATHET LAO WERE MEMBERS OF THE MAINTENANCE CREW. WORK STOPPED ON THE ROAD ON 1 MARCH AND WAS TO BE RESUMED AFTER NEW BULLDOZERS ARRIVED. AN AERIAL OBSERVER REPORTED THAT AFTER THE 29 FEBRUARY STRIKE THERE WERE TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AT UN 882592, THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OF THE BULLDOZERS.

3. AFTER AN AMBUSH OF AN ENEMY UNIT IN WHICH THEY USED MINES AT UN 738578 TO KILL FIVE ENEMY SOLDIERS, MEMBERS OF LAO ARMED FORCES VOLUNTEER COMPANY (CV) 261 OBSERVED AN ENEMY UNIT BURNING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A STACK OF BODIES. MEMBERS OF CV 261 BELIEVED THE ENEMY DEAD WERE CASUALTIES FROM A RECENT AIR STRIKE. AT 1500 HOURS ON 29 FEBRUARY CV 261 AMBUSHED A 38-MAN ENEMY UNIT WITH MINES IN THE VICINITY OF UN 885603 AND KILLED SIX OF THE ENEMY.

4. ON 29 FEBRUARY AIR STRIKES IN THE VICINITY OF BAN HOUAI HAO (UN 7339) DESTROYED A LARGE NUMBER OF ROCKETS. (FIELD COMMENT) AN AERIAL OBSERVER DESCRIBED AIR STRIKES ON UN 733596 ON 29 FEBRUARY AS RESULTING IN HEAVY EXPLOSIONS WHICH

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LASTED FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES AND MEDIUM EXPLOSIONS WHICH  
LASTED FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES. APPARENTLY THE STRIKES WERE  
ON AN AMMUNITION DEPOT. A PATHET LAO DESCRIBED THE  
ROCKETS TO THE WIFE OF A VILLAGE CHIEF WHO WAS IN THE  
AREA ON 1 MARCH. FROM THEIR DESCRIPTION THE ROCKETS  
COULD HAVE BEEN (40MM ROUNDS.)

5. ON 25 FEBRUARY THE ENEMY CONSCRIPTED 400 VILLAGERS  
FROM MUONG LIEU (VN 1153) TO CARRY RICE AND AMMUNITION  
FROM VN 815 TO VN 8174. ON 25 FEBRUARY 20 PATHET LAO FROM  
VN 8371 ARRIVED AT VN 9783 AND CONSCRIPTED 40 KILOGRAMS  
OF RICE, ONE PIG AND EIGHT HENS FROM THE VILLAGERS, WHOM  
THEY THEN FORCED TO CARRY THE COMMODITIES BACK TO VN 8371.

6. AT 1200 HOURS ON 29 FEBRUARY ENEMY TROOPS AT  
VN 74358 FIRED FIVE 81MM MORTAR ROUNDS AT A GUERRILLA  
POSITION AT VN 7454. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

7. ON 1 MARCH A COMPANY OF RED PATHET LAO  
AND NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY TROOPS WAS DISPOSED AT VN 732992  
AND VN 730589. A FIELD HOSPITAL WITH ONE DOCTOR  
WAS AT VN 737588.

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